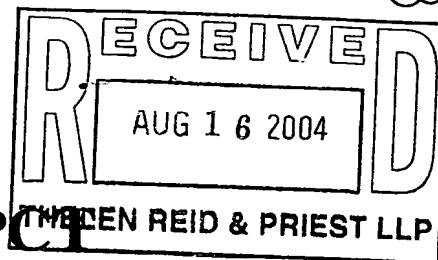


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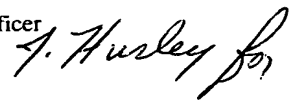
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<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</li> <li>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>		
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## I. Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed.☒ the description:pages 1-16 as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.☒ the claims:pages 17-19, as originally filedpages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.☒ the drawings:pages 1-7, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.☐ the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:☐ contained in the international application in printed form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☐ the description, pages NONE☐ the claims, Nos. NONE☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

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## V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>4-11</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3,12-20</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-20</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

### 2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

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## Supplemental Box

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### V. 2. Citations and Explanations:

Claims 1-3, 12, 17, 19, and 20 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by DeMichele (6330944). DeMichele teaches a modular golf club and golf accessory bag comprising a chassis, at portion 20, at least one pocket 74, a shoulder strap system (154 - Fig. 23), having closed bottom and open top, and the bag is disposed on the exterior of the bag as claimed.

With respect to the chassis being cylindrical, looking at the mouth in Fig. 1, the chassis in DeMichele is considered cylindrical to the degree the term "cylindrical" is applied broadly in the specification.

Regarding claim 12, the pocket is colored as claimed.

Regarding claim 17, DeMichele teaches a kit of golf bag with components as shown in Fig. 20. It is noted that the pockets inherently have colored surfaces.

Claims 1-3, 12-17, 19, and 20 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Brown (4350194). Brown teaches a modular golf club and golf accessory bag comprising a chassis, at least one pocket 74, a shoulder strap system (col. 8, line 55), having closed bottom and open top, and the bag is disposed on the exterior of the bag as claimed.

Regarding claim 13, portion 66 is the flap as claimed.

Regarding claim 14, note the strip where fasteners 106 attach in Fig. 17.

Claims 4-7, 10 and 11 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Brown in view of Izzo (5038984). Brown meets all claimed limitations except for the strap with a three-point attachment system. Izzo teaches that it is known in the art to provide a strap with three-point attachment system as shown in fig. 2. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a strap with a three-point attachment system in Brown as taught by Izzo to provide an alternative strap for the bag.

Regarding claim 7, note the buckles 160, 180, 152, 172 in Fig. 7B.

Regarding claim 10, Izzo teaches that it is known in the art to provide a back pad 110. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a back pad in Brown as taught by Izzo to carry the bag comfortably.

Regarding claim 11, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use stud fasteners to provide an alternative fastening means.

Claims 8-9 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Brown in view of Chen (6227503). Brown meets all claimed limitations except for the stand system. Brown meets all claimed limitations except for the removable stand system. Chen teaches that it is known in the art to provide a removable stand system. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a stand system in Brown as taught by Chen to permit the standing of the golf bag easily.

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Claim 18 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Brown in view of Nelson. Brown meets all claimed limitations except for the indicia. Nelson teaches that it is known in the art to provide indicia at portion 200A. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide indicia in Brown as taught by Nelson to advertise the event easily.

Claims 17-20 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Nelson (5632496). Nelson teaches a kit of golf bag component with a plurality of pockets having exterior surfaces at portion 200 with indicia.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria under PCT Article 33(4), because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.